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#### **MEMORANDUM**

Date:

May 31, 2017

To:

Heather Murakami, Fiscal Administrator

From:

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi

Subject:

Travel Report—Korea Trip

Pursuant to the adoption of Council Resolution17-111, Acceptance of Gift from Incheon, Republic of Korea for Travel-Related Expenses, Council Chair Emeritus Ernest Martin and I were fortunate to travel to South Korea to meet with representatives from Incheon from May 14 to May 19, 2017. The purpose of the trip was to promote cultural exchange between Honolulu and Incheon and to maintain our Sister City relationship with the government, people, and businesses in Incheon.

Attached are brief highlights of our trip. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you.

# Incheon Metropolitan City, South Korea Travel Itinerary May 14 -17, 2017

#### Sunday, May 14, 2017

• Arrived in Incheon at 5:30 p.m.

### Monday, May 15, 2017

- Meeting with the Incheon Metropolitan Council and an informational tour of the Incheon Council Chamber.
- Informational and study visit of the Incheon Free Economic Zone (IFEZ) PR Center and U-City Management Center. Designated in 2003 by the Korean government, IFEZ was designed to strengthen national competition for businesses and promote balanced regional development by improving living conditions and business environment for residents and foreigners.
- Study visit to Incheon Tourism Organization. Newly revitalized, the Incheon Tourism
  Organization was established to promote city marketing, provide support for tourism
  businesses, improve tourism readiness, and provide strategic responses to changes in
  tourism-related government policies and demands in the local and international tourism
  markets.

#### Tuesday, May 16, 2017

- Tour of Changdeokgung Palace, Seoul. Built by the kings of the Joseon Dynasty, Changdeokgun Palace dates back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century and is recognized for blending in with the natural topography of the landscape instead of imposing itself upon it.
- Tour of Apguejeon Rodeo Street. Based on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, Apguejeon Rodeo Street is the popular shopping area known for its fashion trends and its high end luxury shops.

#### Wednesday, May 17, 2017

- Tour of Tongbok Market, Pyeongtaek City. Tongbok Market is open only for pedestrians during business hours and is filled with street vendors who selling a variety of products.
- Courtesy call with Mayor of Pyeongtaek city
- Study visit to the Memorial Hall of Cheonan Ship. This visit was to the Hall to honor the sinking of the Cheonan Ship and the men who died on the ship when it sank in 2010, presumably by North Korea.
- Study visit to the Promotion Hall of Pyeongtaek Port. This Port is the closest port to ports in China which makes for beneficial and efficient trade with China.

## Thursday, May 18, 2017

- Courtesy call with Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City.
- Tour of Wolmi Korean Traditional Cultural Center. Previously used by the Ministry of National Defense to house Korea's military, the land was recognized by City officials for its history and well-preserved, natural environment, and transformed it into an ecological and historic public park.
- Tour of Jeondeungsa Temple. Built over 1,700 years ago, Jeondeungsa Temple is the oldest temple in Korea, built as a shrine to the ancestors of the first Korean kingdom.

## Friday, May 19, 2017

• Depart Incheon for Honolulu at 9:20 pm.

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